

Sidlesham, Hunston and North Mundham Neighbourhood Panel

26 July 2012 – 7 pm – North Mundham Village Hall

Attendees

Name	Representing
PCSO Jack Ettridge	Selsey Police
David Baron	Sidlesham Neighbourhood Watch
Roger Hamilton	Birdham
Frances Neave	North Mundham Parish Council
John Owen	North Mundham
Roger Pagram	Hunston Parish Council
Innes Mary Quigley	Merston Neighbourhood Watch
Kimberley Rex	Hunston Neighbourhood Watch
Linda Rex	Hunston Neighbourhood Watch
Tim Russell (Chairman)	North Mundham Parish Council

1. Introductions

- 1.1 Those present were invited to introduce themselves.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Paul Chivers, Sarah Gunn, Carole Ranjbar, and Denia Turnbull

2 Approve minutes of the previous meeting

- 2.1 The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the previous meeting.

3 Matters Arising

- 3.1 Faded '40' speed limit signs on the B2166 at the eastern boundary of North Mundham. The Chairman reported that the signs remained on the list for replacement.
- 3.2 Speedwatch. John Owen reported that he had tried to interest a number of potential volunteers to join him overseeing the Speed Watch equipment, but they were all reluctant to get involved.

4 Discussion of Previous Priorities

- 4.1 PCSO Ettridge updated the meeting. He apologised for the fact that he had not had time to prepare a written note. He explained that the recent fine weather had led to a number of alerts for missing children on West Wittering beach, to which the police were obliged to respond, though in every case the children had been found safe and well.
- 4.2 Burglaries. The incidence of burglaries and theft in the area had been encouragingly low since the last meeting, although there had been theft of livestock and plants in North Mundham and a break-in to a gaming machine at the Southern Leisure holiday park. A

series of attempted burglaries in the Merston area had all been thwarted by good security precautions.

- 4.3 Driving Offences. PCSO Ettridge reported that the police had been involved in a number of proactive enforcement activities, specifically:

Operation Airwalk. This was a joint operation between the police and the fire service, where motorists stopped for speeding were invited to watch a hard-hitting video showing the implications of speeding or using a mobile phone and the effects of the subsequent accidents, rather than face a conventional penalty. Feedback indicates that this sanction was extremely effective.

Operation Vanquish. This was a multi-agency operation in which each vehicle stopped by the police for a traffic offence would then face examination by other enforcement agencies such as the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency (VOSA) for possible vehicle faults, the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for licensing and insurance contraventions and the UK Border Agency to check the occupants' residential qualifications.

- 4.4 Vandalism. It was noted that the problem of damage to the North Mundham bus shelters had continued to the end of the school term, but apart from this circumstantial factor there was no clear lead to identify the culprits.

5 **Current Issues**

- 5.1 Parking in Hunston. There is a growing problem in Hunston, centred on parking in St Leodegar's Way. The congestion is exacerbated by the need for the residents of the Selsey Road to find somewhere to park, and the use of roadside parking by people leaving their cars to catch a bus into Chichester. The result has been obstruction of the pavements, potential obstruction of emergency vehicles, and instances of vandalism, specifically damage to parked cars.
- 5.2 The meeting discussed possible corrective action. PCSO Ettridge suggested there was little chance of yellow line road markings being introduced, but there might be scope for a parking permit scheme and this was something Hunston Parish Council might wish to discuss. For his part he intended to carry out a street briefing on the following Friday evening, and he would undertake a leaflet drop in the affected area.
- 5.3 Speeding in Sidlesham Lane. Robin Hamilton highlighted the growing problem of speeding in Sidlesham lane, a road with no street lighting and no pavements. He suggested that it was deliberately chosen as a 'test track' by local car dealers.
- 5.4 PCSO Ettridge agreed to highlight the problem to colleagues in the traffic patrol cars as an area of interest. It was also an area where a Speed Indicating Device (SID) might be deployed, subject to suitable sites being identified and volunteer operators coming forward. He agreed to liaise with Robin Hamilton to identify sites and get the risk assessment process started.

6 Establish New Priorities

6.1 It was agreed that, given the encouraging position on local burglaries, the priorities might be re-defined and made more specific.

6.2 The three identified priorities are therefore:

- Driving Offences, and specifically speeding
- Vandalism
- Anti-Social Behaviour, and specifically anti-social parking

7 Any Other Business

7.1 There were reports of a recent incident in Hunston involving an agricultural tractor which had damaged a railing. Unfortunately insufficient information was available to identify the tractor, and this would make it impossible to pursue the case. It was noted that the local agricultural contractors used to identify each tractor with a large and easily visible two-digit number, and provide a list of the relevant supervisors. The Chairman volunteered to enquire about the current provision of this information

7.2 PCSO Ettridge informed the meeting that he had successfully applied to join Hampshire police as a police constable, and he expected to leave his current post on 24 August. At the moment he was unable to say who would be taking over his role.

7.3 It was proposed that PCSO Ettridge be accorded a Vote of Thanks for his most effective support of the neighbourhood, and this was carried with universal support and acclamation.

7.4 Date of Next Meeting. It was agreed to wait until the new police representative was in post before arranging the next meeting, though it was hoped that it would be possible to meet again in October. The Chairman volunteered to hold a list of contact details to keep everyone informed.

7.5 The meeting closed at approximately 1950.